

Second Member of Council.—

It is an official committee.

Mr. S. N. M. Razvi.—

Does the Committee consist of only Brahmins?

Second member of Council.—

There are both Brahmins and non-Brahmins on it.

Mr. S. N. M. Razvi.—

Is it not possible to nominate one or two non-officials in addition to them?

Second Member of Council.—

We cannot do it.

REPRESENTATIONS.—Contd.

At this stage, MR. S. C. MALLIAH requested permission of the Dewan to further discuss Representation No. 131 about the Irwin Canal Committee.

THE DEWAN replied that Mr. Malliah was already on that Committee and that he could more usefully discuss all connected matters there.

MR. S. C. MALLIAH said that it was necessary that the opinion of the Representative Assembly should be made known to Government. The proposals of the Committee were more or less based on theoretical knowledge and it was hazardous to go upon them without the expression of the views of practical agriculturists constituting the Assembly. Continuing, he said that Government had promised the previous day that an officer of the Agricultural Department would be deputed to investigate into the utility of the land for the various crops to be grown under the Irwin Canal by rotation. If, for instance, a block of 1,000 acres was selected in one year for a particular crop, it meant that no other crop could be grown in that area during that year. In other words it meant that the raiyat had absolutely no discretion to grow crops as he pleased, in his own land.

THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL replied that according to the present arrangements there was no objection to grow *kushki* crops. He added that Mr. S. C. Malliah

having been already on the Committee, all such questions could be discussed with better advantage in the Committee itself.

MR. M. C. LINGE GOWDA said that there was no use of discussing these things in the Committee while Government had already passed orders on the Committee's proposals.

THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL replied that the Government had not sanctioned the proposals yet.

MR. M. C. LINGE GOWDA observed that it was the common experience of agriculturists that sugar-cane and paddy could be grown in the same field in alternate years. This required to be verified in consultation with the Agricultural Department.

THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL observed that there was nothing new in the arrangement suggested by the Committee and that, if it became necessary, Government would be glad to depute an officer of the Agricultural Department to investigate into the matter.

MR. H. C. DASAPPA thought that it would be better to appoint a separate committee for the Block System.

THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL replied that Government did not consider it necessary but that, all the same, the suggestion would be considered.

MR. P. SITARAMIAH suggested that many more practical agriculturists should be appointed to the Committee to examine the scheme thoroughly, as the House saw very many practical difficulties in the way of working it out.

THE DEWAN replied that the Chairman of the Committee would carefully consider all the aspects of the question and consult as many practical agriculturists as possible. He added that the Government would not rush the scheme through.

*Adjournment Motion re: The Chief Officer's
Appointment at Tumkur*

MR. D. S. MALLAPPA requested permission to move his adjournment motion relating to the appointment of the Chief Officer of the Tumkur Town Municipality.

THE DEWAN replied that it was not possible to admit it, and that if necessary, the member might bring up the matter before the Legislative Council.